



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
October 16, 2008**

The agenda for the October AWIB meeting and Web Binder have been posted on the AWIB website at <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/resources10-2008.htm> for review by the board prior to the meeting on October 27th and 28th in Fairbanks. I am still waiting for a few presentations which will be added to the Web Binder as soon as they are received. AWIB staff have completed travel arrangements for board members at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks and are preparing binders for the October meeting.

A STEP Evaluation Committee consisting of Commissioner Bishop and two AWIB members reviewed FY 09 grant proposals for consideration under designated priority funding authority on October 8th in Anchorage. Thanks to John MacKinnon and Cynthia Erickson for their participation in this review.

AWIB staff held a teleconference with Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) on Thursday, October 16th. The top three priority industries and occupations have been received from the Northern Interior, Southeast, Southwest, and western coastal region RACs. The Education Workforce Advisory Commission (EWAC) has been added to the list of RACs to serve as the Anchorage RAC. The Anchorage, Kenai, and Mat-Su RACs will bring their top three priority industries and occupations to the October AWIB meeting.

The Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement Committee completed their first draft of the AWIB Training Plan Template which is currently being reviewed by and ad hoc committee consisting of Jim Lynch, Paulette Schuerch, John Cannon, and Fred Villa. AWIB staff have completed a draft of the resolution process requested by the Workforce Readiness and Employment and Placement committee and this will be discussed at the October AWIB meeting.

We have a full agenda and I look forward to a productive board meeting and seeing all members in Fairbanks on October 27th and 28th.

Committees

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

- The next Policy Planning and Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m.

AGIA Training Strategic Plan

The AGIA Steering and Implementation Committee met on Thursday, October 16th to discuss the AGIA Summary Implementation Schedule (Action Steps) by Strategy and begin reviewing the timeline for the four main strategies and strategic elements contained in the plan. The Implementation Schedule is contained in the Web Binder and will be presented to the AWIB at the October board meeting in Fairbanks on October 28th.

An electronic copy of the most recent draft of the AGIA Training Strategic Plan is available at http://www.labor.state.ak.us/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf.

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AGIA Resource Documents are located at labor.alaska.gov/AGIA_teams/.